

Program E: Agro-Consumer Services

Program Authorization: R.S. 376:628(D)

Program Description

The mission of the Office of Agro-Consumer Services Program is to regulate weights and measures; license weigh masters, scale companies and technicians; license and inspect bonded farm warehouses and milk processing plants; and license grain dealer; warehouses and cotton buyers. To carry out this mission, the Office of Agro-Consumer Services Program: (1) regulated the measuring, sampling, testing and transportation of dairy products and audits all processors, distributors and retailers of dairy products; (2) license, inspect, and audit all grain dealers, warehouses and cotton buyers in the state; (3) certifies and inspects all commercially used weights, measures, and weighing and measuring devices; certification of taxi meters; certification of scanners; and inspection of motor fuel dispensers; (4) license scale companies and technicians; (5) provides price stability in the marketplace and assures an environment for fair and equal competitiveness as provided under Dairy Stabilization Board rules and regulations; (6) maintains the official state standards of mass; length and volume, which are traceable to the National Institute of Standards & Technology; (7) maintains a more current pricing of milk in the marketplace as prices respond to fluctuations at farm level; and (8) provides grain inspection to protect the grain elevator industry and grain producers. The goal of the Office of Agro-Consumer Service is to provide regulatory services to ensure consumer protection for Louisiana producers and consumers.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

	ACTUAL 2001-2002	ACT 13 2002-2003	EXISTING 2002-2003	CONTINUATION 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED 2003-2004	RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING
MEANS OF FINANCING:						
STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct)	\$1,092,159	\$690,607	\$690,607	\$715,921	\$692,856	\$2,249
STATE GENERAL FUND BY:						
Interagency Transfers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fees & Self-gen. Revenues	2,173,286	2,074,521	2,074,521	2,074,521	2,074,521	0
Statutory Dedications	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	800,000	0
Interim Emergency Board	0	0	0	0	0	0
FEDERAL FUNDS	0	102,822	102,822	102,822	102,822	0
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	\$4,065,445	\$3,667,950	\$3,667,950	\$3,693,264	\$3,670,199	\$2,249
EXPENDITURES & REQUEST:						
Salaries	\$2,902,448	\$2,549,339	\$2,549,339	\$2,621,526	\$2,758,098	\$208,759
Other Compensation	77,707	114,000	114,000	114,000	51,480	(62,520)
Related Benefits	547,746	463,678	463,678	404,324	499,688	36,010
Total Operating Expenses	395,574	369,283	369,283	376,369	219,283	(150,000)
Professional Services	132,004	136,329	136,329	139,724	131,329	(5,000)
Total Other Charges	8,133	35,321	35,321	35,321	10,321	(25,000)
Total Acq. & Major Repairs	1,833	0	0	2,000	0	0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST	\$4,065,445	\$3,667,950	\$3,667,950	\$3,693,264	\$3,670,199	\$2,249
AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME						
EQUIVALENTS: Classified	67	59	59	59	59	0
Unclassified	5	13	13	13	13	0
TOTAL	72	72	72	72	72	0

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded with State General Fund, Fees and Self-generated Revenues, Statutory Dedications and Federal Funds. The Fees and Self-generated Revenues are derived from the following: (1) inspection fees for weights and measures scales; (2) funds collected from assessments on sales of milk and dairy products; (3) reimbursement to the department from the Dairy Industry Promotion Board for collection of revenue; (4) industry reimbursed salary costs of poultry graders assigned to plants; (5) fees collected from poultry plants for grading services; and (6) fees generated from inspection of fruits and vegetables. Statutory Dedications are derived from the Petroleum Products Fund (previously located in DOTD). (Per R. S. 39:36B(8), see table below for a listing of each statutory dedicated fund.) Federal Funds are received from: (1) commodity credit for reimbursement of audit expenses; and (2) USDA reimbursement for sampling commodities.

	ACTUAL	ACT 13	EXISTING	CONTINUATION	RECOMMENDED	RECOMMENDED
	2001-2002	2002-2003	2002-2003	2003-2004	2003-2004	OVER/(UNDER)
						EXISTING
Petroleum and Petroleum Products Fund	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$0

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

GENERAL FUND	TOTAL	T.O.	DESCRIPTION
\$690,607	\$3,667,950	72	ACT 13 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003
			BA-7 TRANSACTIONS:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$690,607	\$3,667,950	72	EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 2, 2002
\$45,054	\$45,054	0	Annualization of FY 2002-2003 Classified State Employees Merit Increase
\$266,521	\$266,521	0	Salary Base Adjustment
(\$66,806)	(\$66,806)	0	Attrition Adjustment
(\$242,520)	(\$242,520)	0	Salary Funding from Other Line Items
\$692,856	\$3,670,199	72	TOTAL RECOMMENDED
\$0	\$0	0	LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS
\$692,856	\$3,670,199	72	BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004
			SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE:
\$0	\$0	0	None
\$0	\$0	0	TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE
\$692,856	\$3,670,199	72	GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

\$123,129	Legal Services (C. James Gelphi Corp., Rodney, Bordenave, Boykin, Bennette, and Boyle)
\$8,200	To be determined, Court Reporters

\$131,329	TOTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES
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OTHER CHARGES

\$321	Statewide fees, Civil Service, UPS, CPTP, Treasury, etc.
\$10,000	Office of Telecommunications Management Fees
\$10,321	SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS
\$10,321	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

This program does not have funding recommendations for Acquisitions and Major Repairs for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.